

STRIKE VIEWS.

George R. E. Gilchrist on the Business Men's Action.

BELIEVES MISTAKE WAS MADE

In the Passage of the Resolutions Introduced by Mr. Brady—He Suggests Mediation as a Proper Mode of Reaching a Settlement—Disadvantages of Arbitration—Mr. Joseph C. Brady to the O. V. T. & L. A.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer,

SIR:—At this writing the outlook is not promising for a settlement of the strike of the employees of the Wheeling Railway Company along the lines of the resolutions adopted at the meeting of members of the chamber of commerce and other citizens of Wheeling, on Friday evening, June 16. To an observer the resolutions have had their most pronounced effect in calling forth from the strikers themselves emphatic protests, and from a number of bodies of organized labor action denouncing the resolutions and pledging the strikers support, moral and financial. In their efforts to accomplish the objects for which they struck. The resolutions have not even received the hearty support of any considerable number of the remaining citizens of Wheeling and vicinity, and it is doubted by some whether many of those voting for the resolutions are to-day of the opinion they entertained at the time of the passage of the resolutions. So far as present indications go the probability is that the strike will be continued indefinitely, with the added deplorable feature that organized labor in all lines will become tenacious adherents of the strikers in their demands.

The writer of this does not, himself, question in the slightest, the entirely impartial feeling of those who participated in that meeting, nor that they earnestly desired to act in such way as would bring about a settlement of the strike on a fair and just basis, and with due regard to the rights of the respective contending parties. But it must be admitted that the result has been far from what was anticipated and intended. Why? An analysis of the resolutions will disclose the reason. The preamble recites that the strike has greatly interfered with the business of the city, materially discommodated the traveling public, unjustly given the city a bad reputation, caused capital to be diverted to other localities, and strained the patient forbearance of the people of Wheeling and of visitors to the city. With these statements few, if any, will disagree.

Immediately following the preamble it is resolved, First, That we, the chamber of commerce and citizens assembled in mass meeting do not pretend to say where the fault lies in not having this matter adjusted long ago, and that we do not place the blame or responsibility on any parties whatever, but that we do think the interests and welfare of our community demand that this matter be settled within the next few days, and call upon all parties interested to use their best effort to have all differences arranged so that the public may use the street cars on Tuesday, June 20. With these statements also few, if any, will disagree.

Then follows the last of the resolutions: Second, That we, the citizens of Wheeling assembled in mass meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms hereby notify all parties interested in these differences between the Wheeling Railway Company and its former employees, that we will use the cars on and after Tuesday, June 20, and we recommend to all good citizens who have the welfare of the city at heart to join us in this move and thereby restore the good name of our city, improve our business, and use the advantage and facilities furnished us in traveling from different parts of the city in the transaction of our daily business.

This last resolution, however, has had the obvious result of solidifying labor, and threatening to array it against capital. For what reason? Suppose we paraphrase briefly the preamble and resolutions adopting them to the men and say: Whereas, The strike is interfering with business, injuring the city and the city's prospects, and we do not know whose fault continuance of the strike is, do not have nor care to form an opinion relative thereto, but consider it imperatively necessary that the strike should be settled, therefore, be it resolved, that unless the strikers shall have settled their differences with the company within the next few days and be operating its cars, we will, on a given day, and thereafter, patronize the said company by riding on its cars.

And then, for contrast again, paraphrase the preamble and resolutions, adapting them to the company by saying substantially in form as above that the strike is doing incalculable injury to the city, should be determined, and that while we do not know whose fault it is, nevertheless, be it resolved, that unless the railway company on or before a given day shall have settled the strike with its employees, we will after a given day ride on the company's cars.

Is it any wonder that the resolutions adopted by the meeting June 16, had the result now apparent to all of making the strikers and their sympathizers more determined?

They in effect said to the men, that no matter what wages should be paid, no matter what hours should be worked, and whether or not the union should be recognized, the railway company would be patronized by the public on and after June 20. They made it to the company's interest to make no further concessions to the men and if disposed to do so, to withdraw even such as have been made or proposed to be made at any time since the beginning of the strike. Why, in the preamble avoid in a painstaking manner locating the blame for the continuance of the strike and in the same set of resolutions visit a penalty on the men unless they shall work for the company on such terms, and how, and when, it shall see fit to demand?

The writer of this does not know who,



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nor whether any one person, was the author of the resolutions. The first resolution purports to be made by the chamber of commerce and citizens, while the last purports to be by the citizens of Wheeling. It may be that the citizens of Wheeling include the chamber of commerce. The mind that formulated the first resolution evidently considered it desirable to use the chamber of commerce as well as the citizens. It is not intended, however, to quarrel or be captious with the author or authors of the resolutions. As above stated the writer of this has no reason to question the absolute good faith and fair intentions of the persons proposing and supporting as well as those opposing the resolutions adopted at that meeting. A mistake has unquestionably been made, and the question now confronting the people is, how to prevent a widening of the breach.

The undersigned is of the opinion that a solution of the difficulty may be arrived at by either of two methods. First, mediation, or second, arbitration.

As to mediation, assuming that neither side is averse to a settlement there should be no difficulty in securing the services of two or three impartial men who would look into the matter, confer with each side, and bring about the consent of each of the contending parties to what might seem to the mediators a fair basis of settlement. In making an effort to settle by mediation the principals of course necessarily finally determine the matter whether or not they will settle on the basis suggested by the mediators. And in the event of such mediation and the refusal by either side to accept the result the public could form its own conclusions and act accordingly.

As to arbitration. This method is too well known to need explanation. It has its disadvantages and frequently results in dissatisfaction. A settlement by it is not founded as is mediation on the assent of the principals to a present result. It is an agreement to abide by a result not known but to be thereafter arrived at. Nevertheless, taking it as a whole, arbitration as a principle has been successful. And if in this instance arbitration were to be resorted to, and a result attained that was not a flagrant violation of the rights of either of the contending parties, and either party should refuse to abide by such result the public could in like manner form its conclusions and act accordingly.

The writer submits the foregoing in the hope of calling attention to and making apparent the unfairness of the resolutions of the meeting referred to.

In doing, and in suggesting a settlement by mediation or arbitration, he disclaims all desire to participate either as a mediator or as an arbitrator. He avails himself of the opportunity to be heard afforded by the language of the resolutions calling upon all good citizens to join in the move to patronize the cars in accordance with the programme announced therein. For the reasons hereinbefore stated he is opposed to the resolutions adopted and so far as he is concerned to the carrying out of the proposed plan.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. E. GILCHRIST.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 20, 1899.

TO THE O. V. T. & L. A.

An Open Letter to the Central Labor Body from Mr. Joseph C. Brady. Calls for a Specific Denial of Assertions he had Made.

An open letter to the Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly:—You denounce as untrue the statements made by me to the mass meeting of citizens last Friday. Which statement? Is it true or not that in the old days of iron nails, Wheeling had to pay twenty-five cents per ton more for bolting iron than Pittsburgh? Was this a discrimination against Wheeling and did it have any effect in increasing the growth of Pittsburgh at the expense of Wheeling?

That the nailers strike and boycott destroyed the nail industry for Wheeling? The facts are known to all. The strike and boycott lasted so long that when it was over wire nails had taken the place of cut steel nails in all the markets of the United States, and there were enough wire nails made to supply the demand, so that there was no opportunity or inducement for Wheeling to go into the business of making wire nails.

Is this true or not? Following the sale of the Central Glass Company and the Hobbs-Brock-unter Company plants to the United States Glass Company, there was a long strike, which was broken in other cities, but not in Wheeling, with the result that other factories were operated while the Wheeling plants stood idle, and were never put in operation by the trust. Is this true or not?

That the Stogie Makers' Union compels Wheeling to-day to pay twenty-five cents per thousand more for making stogies than other cities and allows the other cities to use the same blue label they require in Wheeling.

Is this true or not?

That hundreds of thousands of dollars have been sent away from Wheeling, which would have been invested here but for the present conditions surrounding the employment of labor. Is this true or not?

If you do not know the facts investigate and report as to whether this is true or not.

That Pittsburgh, Youngstown, New Castle, the entire Monongahela and Shenango valleys have increased rapidly in population, steadily increasing their manufacturing properties, while Wheeling has practically stood still; not increasing in population as much; not increasing in population as much; not increasing in population as much; not increasing in population as much.

Webster defines the word "hoodlum" as "a young ruffian." Was it the hood-

lums in Benwood to whom I referred or the law-abiding, peaceful citizens who make a practice of ducking strangers in the Ohio river and who maltreated and abused a preacher and his family who were traveling through the town, innocent of any reason why they should not use the cars?

When the Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly states which of these statements are untrue, they may also explain to the public why it is that they refuse to allow the men on the Bellaire, Bridgeport & Martin's Ferry line to go to work on terms that are satisfactory to them and to the Belmont branch of the Trades Assembly. I am not opposed to union labor and no man has greater admiration for P. M. Arthur and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. If the Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly would adopt the methods of that organization it would have a stronger support in this community through love than it now gets through fear.

I am charged with being the spokesman and tool of the Wheeling Railway Company, when the only reference I made to the street car strike was to the action of the "hoodlums" in Benwood in connection with the contemplated improvements at the Riverside, and to say: "In this matter I do not know the Wheeling Railway Company, nor do I know the strikers." My only interest is for the good name and prosperity of Wheeling. Surely no one can honestly accuse me of seeking personal gain or present popularity by speaking unpleasant and unpalatable truths, and it was not my desire to be placed in the position of being the only one in the community to "speak out in meeting," but I feel sure that I voiced the sentiments of all right thinking men, including all those among workmen whose opinion is worth considering.

I have never sought a nomination for a public office and do not seek notoriety but since by force of circumstances, through my being unexpectedly called upon at the mass meeting, the burden is placed upon me, I trust those who do not know me, will at least give me credit for an honest desire to help Wheeling, which surely would help all alike.

Respectfully,

J. C. BRADY.

Wheeling, June 20.

BENWOOD NEWS.

Local Happenings of Importance in a Busy Town.

Two men employed in driving a rig in the Wheeling-Benwood trade, owned by Steele, of Moundsville, had a lively scrap in an alley to the rear of a Main street saloon yesterday, the outcome of a squabble about money. They went at the fistie game good and hard, but a Jeffries hook laid one of the combatants low, and a doctor was required to restore him to consciousness. Both were arrested and had a hearing before the mayor last night, receiving the usual trimmings.

Considerable complaint is being heard of the promiscuous shooting of blank cartridges on the streets by boys, for there is danger in the festive little wad. Elmer Sprouts, a little fellow, was hit in the hand by one of these wads and a wound was inflicted which penetrated to the bone. If the practice isn't broken up somebody is likely to lose an eye.

A Moundsville paper contained an attack on Prosecuting Attorney Parsons for his participation in the mass meeting here Saturday night. Mr. Parsons' popularity was increased by his wise and calm counsel at the meeting, and a Benwood man yesterday wrote an answer to the publication.

A large tin "man" dressed realistically and holding a valise, bearing the placard, "I'll Walk," has been placed in a conspicuous position at the Wheeling steel works, and attracts much amused comment.

The National Union's convention here yesterday attracted a distinguished group of citizens. They met at the I. O. O. F. hall, and at the conclusion of the meeting were shown through the mills.

Miss Emma L. Zoller, of Pittsburgh, gave an educational entertainment last night at the M. E. church, for the benefit of the church, which was greatly appreciated.

The Wheeling Railway Company is putting up incandescent lights on alternating poles and laying new stringers, in compliance with its franchise.

Lowman Satterfield, who is ill at Colfax, Marion county, is showing signs of improvement, although not yet out of danger.

Grading has commenced on Alley A by Contractor Day, and paving will soon follow. The curbing arrived yesterday.

The cars were eagerly watched yesterday to see if Wheeling business men rode, but not a passenger appeared to view.

Much interest is being evinced in the road race to be given about the beginning of next month by Benwood wheelmen.

A carload of lumber and a lot of steel girders for the Pabst-Curran building arrived yesterday.

The closing exercises of St. John's parochial school occur to-morrow evening.

The wife of William Sutton is seriously ill of typhoid fever.

I WAS seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor wretch, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had a good health for twenty years. Respectfully, Mrs. Mary A. Beard, Claremore, Ark. Sold by drug-

BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County

The Putney township board of education has hired the following teachers for the coming school year at the salaries stated: No. 1, J. D. Deffenbaugh, \$45; Francis M. Smith, \$45. No. 2, C. E. Timberlake, \$45; Sallie Workman, \$45. No. 3, John N. Anderson, \$50. No. 4, R. E. Crow, \$50. No. 5, William W. Dickey, \$40. No. 6, J. C. Myers, \$50. No. 7, J. B. Hathorn, \$40. No. 8, P. L. Ring, \$45. No. 9, Maggie Nesbitt, \$40. No. 10, J. D. Miller, \$50. No. 11, H. E. Hathorn, \$45; C. F. Warren, \$45. The only ones who were changed in places were the teachers in districts No. 1 and No. 6, J. D. Deffenbaugh going to West Wheeling, while J. C. Myers goes to St. Joe.

The teachers receiving certificates from one to three years at the teachers' examination held in the Central school building last week are as follows: George Arnold, Sarah Burtoft, Bertha Brainard, Phama Batr, R. E. Crow, Maude Corbett, Pearl Chambers, Myrtle Clemens, W. E. Danford, Blanche Howell, Laura Hoffman, Dora Kinney, Minnie Lowan, F. McGill, J. C. Myers, Sophia Miller, Florence Nevans, Alma Pickett, Emma Reed, Gertrude Thomas, Anna Van Low, Minnie Workman, Fred O. Wise, Sue White, Jennie Little, Stella Fawcett, Emma Long, Elsie Leazure and Lulala Fish.

William Nelson, son of Frank Nelson, living at Rock Hill, met with quite a painful accident Monday evening. He was riding his bicycle along the pike at a lively gate when the wheel struck a stone, throwing the rider upon his left shoulder with great force and rendering him unconscious. He was taken to his home, where an examination was made and it was found that the shoulder was dislocated.

Albert Eberle, the twelve-year-old son of C. Eberle, while out bicycle riding Monday, had the misfortune to collide with a horse and buggy with such force as to render him unconscious and bruise him up considerably about the head. The young man was unconscious for several hours after the accident, but finally came around all right.

The Standard Boiler & Bridge Company, through the hustling qualities of John Davis, have secured work enough to keep a full force going until late in the fall. They are crowded now with work for firms near home and they have quite a lot of contracts under way that are not fully closed.

The Standard Bridge & Boiler Works have elected John McDonald secretary of that organization. Mr. McDonald has been private secretary for Mr. C. Rosser for several years past.

Miss Lydia Heatherington, Mrs. M. A. Kelly and Jacob Heatherington returned home yesterday, from a week's visit around the lakes in the northern part of the state.

W. F. Robinson and family have gone to Cleveland to attend the reunion of the veteran employees of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad.

Quite a number from this city attended the performance of the "Three Black Mantes" at the Park Casino, in Wheeling, last evening.

Bellaire Chapter, R. A. M., worked the Royal Arch degree last night and there was a fair attendance, notwithstanding the heat.

George Riffer returned home from Apollo, Pa., Monday evening, where he was called by the serious illness of his mother.

Richard Crow has moved his family to Epworth Park, where they will remain during the summer.

The Novelty Stamping Company will close down the first of next month for a week, in which time to make repairs.

Howard McGregor, who has been attending the Columbia University, in New York, is home for the summer.

Mrs. Martin Cowen and son went to Epworth Park yesterday afternoon, to remain during the heated term.

Miss Katie Darrah returned home yesterday, from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Powhatan.

Mrs. Charles Arnold has returned home from Delaware, where she spent a week with relatives.

Roscoe Snedecker has returned to Sistersville, after spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Ella Reddy, of Cameron, W. Va., is the guest of friends and relatives in the Fourth ward.

Miss Maude Wheeler, of Quaker City, is the guest of friends in Bellaire.

Mrs. Fred Stewart and baby are the guests of relatives in Barnesville.

George Arnold, of Powhatan, was in the city yesterday, on business.

James McGregor is able to be out, after a few days' illness.

Andrew Martin is off duty on account of sickness.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bilets' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Logan Drug Co.'s drug store. 5

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Mr. J. W. Loving, of Colquitt, Ga., says: "For eighteen years I suffered tortures from a fiery eruption on my skin. I tried almost every known remedy, but they failed one by one, and I was told that my age, which is sixty-six, was against me, and that I could never hope to be well again. I finally took S. S. S., and it cleansed my blood thoroughly, and now I am in perfect health."

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